

18  
Claim 16 (new):

Rule 124  
A temporary posting adhesive-coated sticker capable of being temporarily attached to an application surface, comprising:

E1  
a sheet of opaque flexible material, said sheet having a perimeter defined by two parallel side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge, said sheet having at least one first area and at least one second area; said first area extending to said top edge of said sheet perimeter and extending from one of said parallel side edges to the other of said parallel side edges and being at least partially coated with an adhesive coating; said second area being located immediately adjacent to said first area and being substantially free from said adhesive coating and providing a memo writing space; said adhesive coating being of a temporary adhesion nature such that when said sticker is attached to and subsequently peeled off said application surface, said adhesive coating remains on said first area of said sticker and said application surface suffers no damage; and,

at least one weakened tear line, selected from the group consisting of pre-slit cut lines, perforated lines and microperforated lines, wherein said weakened tear line extends from said top edge to said bottom edge and wherein said weakened tear line providing a low tear strength that directs an initial tear, started at either end of said weakened tear line, to propagate along the path of said weakened tear line by offering lower resistance to tear against an applied tear force.

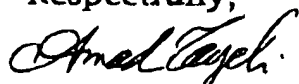
5) New claim (16) is identical to now-deleted thrice-amended claim (14) except that the newly-added limitation of "completely and continuously" has been deleted and applicant's original limitation of "at least partially coated" has been restored.

6) Upon re-examination of Madole 5,299,833 and Haugwitz 4,961,811, applicant respectfully submits that the limitation of "completely and continuously" is not necessary in order to distinguish applicant's new claim (16) over these prior art references. Applicant's new claim (16) contains the limitations of "said weakened tear line extends from said top edge to said bottom edge" and "said first area extending to said top edge of said sheet perimeter". Neither Haugwitz nor Madole teach nor suggest this

combination of limitations. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that new claim 16 is believed to be allowable and passage to issuance of claims 13, 15 and 16 is respectfully requested.

7) If there remain any matters that may be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call applicant to resolve such matters.

Respectfully,



Amad Tayebi  
Registration No. 46,461

5 Sequoia Road  
Westward, MA 01886

Tel. (978) 692-7527 or (978) 934-3415

Doc.ID. Amendment of 3/22/01